

## The Best Kansas News.

### Students Need a Greater Library.

A recent publication issued from the office of the state printer is a "Handbook of Kansas Libraries." The book is edited by Carrie M. Watson, librarian, and Edith M. Clarke, one of the assistant librarians, at the University of Kansas. The volume contains much information to the Kansas reader. Among other things, it is shown that Andrew Carnegie has made direct gifts of \$280,000 for library buildings in Kansas. Possibly the most gratifying information to the citizens of Kansas is that relative to the library at the state university. The history of this library dates from the founding of the university, but for the first ten years consisted principally of congressional records and documents. During that time the students who did extra reading secured the material from the private libraries of the professors. Twenty years ago there were but 3,000 volumes; now there are more than 42,000 volumes, with 280 periodicals and publications of learned societies. There are also 158 Kansas newspapers on file in the reading room. Next to the state library at Topeka this is the largest working library in Kansas. The entire 42,000 volumes are for the free use of the students of the university. The books are housed in Spooner library building, erected in 1894 at an expense of \$75,000, the funds for the purpose having been given the state by the terms of the will of William B. Spooner, of Boston, an uncle of ex-Chancellor Snow, of the university. The book-stack of the library is absolutely fire proof, being constructed entirely of steel and stone, and has a capacity of 100,000 volumes. The attendance has grown so large at the university that even this magnificent collection of books is inadequate for the needs of the students. The regents of the university set aside \$7,000 a year for new books, but many times this amount should be expended each year to supply the demand on the part of students pursuing the various lines of study requiring original investigation. The state appropriation for current expenses of the university must be materially increased to provide the necessary funds.

### The Oldest Convict.

Martin Jabbers has been in the Kansas penitentiary longer than any other convict. His prison life began in 1878, when he was 46, and he is now 73 years of age. He is serving his lifetime for poisoning his son in Johnson county, and it is said that his relatives protest against every attempt to have him pardoned.

### City Chap Spread Smallpox.

At a recent dance at Linwood, Leavenworth county, a young man from Kansas City danced with all the town girls. Now a dozen of them have broken out with the smallpox and it has been learned that the city chap left the bedside of a friend he was nursing to attend the dance.

### Seeking \$1,000,000 Endowment.

President Platts, of Washburn college, is making an effort to increase the endowment of the college by the sum of \$1,000,000. This, if it comes, will probably be partly devoted to new buildings and the establishment of a dental school.

### Married a Spanish Girl.

Lieut. C. W. Otwell, of the Seventh infantry, whose home is Independence, was recently married in Manila to Miss Raquel Lopez de Vincent, whose father commanded one of the Spanish vessels sunk by Admiral Dewey in Manila bay.

### Big Corn.

The Smith County Journal has just closed a corn contest and awarded prizes for the following exhibits: Longest ear, 14 inches; heaviest ear, one pound and five ounces; largest round, 9 1/2 inches; most rows, 32.

### Walked off a Bridge.

Charles Garrett, aged 26, was found dead in a ravine under a bridge four miles northwest of Perry. It is thought he walked off the bridge in the darkness.

### One in Ten a Failure.

Judge Simpson, of McPherson county, has kept count of marriages and divorces and finds that one marriage in ten is a failure.

### For One Building, 2,000,000 Brick.

Two million brick, or 200 car loads, in the estimate of what will be needed to rebuild the Lee grocery building at Salina.

### Gov. Bailey Writing Letters.

Gov. Bailey is sending out thousands of personal letters to influential people, urging them to rally to his support.

### Nebraskans Will Hear Bailey.

Gov. Bailey will go to Lincoln, Neb., on February 14—Lincoln's birthday—and deliver an address.

### \$7,000 Fire in Edna.

F. W. Newman's implement house and stock at Edna burned at night. Loss, \$7,000.

### Lantern Set Fire to Wagon.

While making his daily trip out, Millard Webb, a rural route mail carrier at Pittsburg, met with the unusual experience of having his wagon burned up. He left his wagon to hook up a tug that had become loose. As he started back to get in his horse jumped and a lighted coal oil lantern he was carrying in the front end to keep his feet warm upset and set the wagon and contents on fire. The horse took fright and doubled back on the route home, and reached the city with nothing but the running gears of the vehicle left. Webb reached in as the wagon went by and jerked the mail bag out and started over the balance of his route on foot.

### Religious Services by Phone.

L. R. Cole, of the Missouri & Kansas Telephone company, has announced that he is going to install service in the leading churches and connect them with the hospitals for the benefit of the patients of the different institutions. "When the service is complete," said Mr. Cole, "the inmates of the hospitals will be enabled to hear every part of the Sunday services just as plainly as if they were right in the building. Megaphones will be attached to the telephone boxes at the church and those in the hospitals will be equipped with the same device for the ears as is used by the central girls."

### Easy Victim of Confidence Man.

William Liggett, a Cowley county farmer, has fallen an easy prey to a confidence game. A smooth swindler traded him \$65,000 worth of fictitious property at Wichita for his farm and home, valued at \$4,000. The confidence man disposed of the farm to Liggett's neighbor, Mr. Chambers, for \$1,300 cash and hastily fled from the country. Liggett, finding he had been defrauded, has filed suit against Chambers for the value of his farm.

### A Judge Says It Pays.

District Judge Madden, of Emporia, says the experience in Coffey county proves two things to him—that the prosecution of jointists is financially a good thing for a county and that the conviction of the jointists is a remedy for the evil. In the past six months Henry Gantz, county attorney, has convicted nine people of selling liquor contrary to law and the fines collected exceed the costs of the prosecution \$1,500.

### To Cut Up a Cottonwood Grove.

Atchison county expects to realize \$1,000 out of the cottonwood grove on the new poor farm, which is being cut into lumber. The dimension stuff will be utilized in the building of the new building, and the other lumber is being sold to the excelsior factory.

### Wealthy Merchant Threatened.

J. W. Watts, a wealthy merchant of Wilmot, received an anonymous letter threatening to burn out the eyes of Watts' son unless \$250 was left at a certain spot. Officers were informed and shadowed the spot, but no one appeared to look for the money.

### "Long Hours and Lonesomeness."

"Hired girls" are a scarce article on Kansas farms, says State Employment Agent Gerow. The farm girls are going to town to get employment, and the town girls refuse to go to the country on account of the long hours and the lonesomeness.

### Sam-Quah Got Drunk.

Frank Sam-Quah, a Brown county Indian boy, became drunk at Horton and started for his home on the Kickapoo reservation. The next morning his frozen body was found within a few rods of his house, where he had lain down to sleep.

### Don't Stay "Hired."

T. B. Gerow, state employment agent, says that farm wages in Kansas range from \$18 to \$25 a month, and that a hired man is hard to find. As soon as a hired man can save enough money he rents a farm and goes to work for himself.

### Mrs. Lease Going to Europe.

Kansas friends of Mrs. Mary E. Lease learn that she will conduct a party of American young women on an 11-weeks' tour of Europe this summer. Mrs. Lease is on the New York World staff.

### Veteran's Preference Laws.

A. W. Smith, department commander of the Kansas G. A. R., has mailed a circular letter to the post commanders of the state, calling attention to the violation of the veterans' preference laws.

### Damages for Runaway Injuries.

Miss Terra Corder, of Wellington, has secured \$2,000 damages against C. N. Stephenson, a farmer near Belleplaine, for injuries received from a runaway team owned by Stephenson.

### Kansas Lawyers.

Kansas has 1,661 lawyers and notwithstanding a majority of the people retain possession of something like a third of their property.—Topeka Capital.

## PARTY LINE TELEPHONE.

A Squabble Between Subscribers That Was Settled Very Speedily and Amicably.

Washington has thousands of party line telephones. The best of feeling does not always prevail between those on the party lines when both want to use the phone at the same time, says the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. A prominent politician is on a party line with a doctor. He was in great haste to get a friend over the phone and began ringing and shouting "hello." The other subscriber wanted to use his telephone at the same time, with the result they were soon saying harsh things to each other. "Who are you?" demanded the politician. "I'm Dr. Blank," was the answer. "Oh, pardon me, doctor, you can have the line. It isn't for you I couldn't make a living."

### A Dentist's Advice.

Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 25th.—Mr. Harry L. Lewis, Dentist, 607 Summit street, this city, says: "I certainly advise anyone no matter how severe they may have Kidney Trouble to take Dodd's Kidney Pills."

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### Thought It Was Settled.

They were a party of people from "up state," and nothing in the big city interested them so much as the great ships at the docks. They had been wandering joyfully over the deck of a four-master just about to clear with coal for an eastern port, and after awhile one of the women found an open hatch.

"Come here!" she called excitedly to her nearest companion, with the air of one who has made a discovery. "Look! Look! Just think! She's holier!"—Youth's Companion.

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The coming man is usually one who has already arrived.

## THE GENERAL MARKETS.

Kansas City, Jan. 26.  
CATTLE—Beef steers ..... 3 75 @ 4 75  
Native heifers ..... 3 00 @ 3 85  
Western steers ..... 2 25 @ 4 15  
HOGS ..... 4 25 @ 5 15  
SHEEP ..... 3 75 @ 5 75  
WHEAT—No. 2 hard..... 73 1/2 @ 77  
No. 2 red..... 92 @ 92 1/2  
CORN—No. 2 mixed..... 33 1/2 @ 40 1/2  
OATS—No. 2 mixed..... 33 @ 50  
RYE ..... 50  
FLOUR—Hard winter pat..... 3 50 @ 3 75  
Soft winter patents..... 3 70 @ 4 00  
HAY—Timothy ..... 6 00 @ 9 75  
Prairie ..... 4 00 @ 7 50  
BEAN ..... 77 @ 78  
BUTTER—Fancy to extra..... 18 @ 21  
EGGS ..... 26 @ 28  
CHEESE—Full cream ..... 9 @ 11 1/2  
POTATOES—Home grown ..... 7 @ 8 1/2

### ST. LOUIS.

CATTLE—Beef steers ..... 3 75 @ 5 25  
Texas steers ..... 2 40 @ 4 15  
HOGS—Mixed and butchers..... 4 90 @ 5 10  
SHEEP—Natives ..... 3 75 @ 4 75  
WHEAT—No. 2 red..... 44 1/2 @ 45  
CORN—No. 2 ..... 44 @ 45  
OATS—No. 2 ..... 33 1/2 @ 40  
FLOUR—Red winter pat..... 4 45 @ 4 60  
BUTTER—Creamery ..... 16 @ 23  
EGGS ..... 26 1/2  
LARD ..... 6 87 1/2  
BACON ..... 7 50 @ 7 75

### CHICAGO.

CATTLE—Steers ..... 3 25 @ 5 65  
HOGS—Mixed and butchers..... 4 90 @ 5 10  
SHEEP—Western ..... 3 50 @ 4 35  
WHEAT—No. 2 red..... 39 @ 97  
CORN—No. 2 ..... 41 @ 42  
OATS—No. 2 ..... 33 1/2 @ 39 1/2  
RYE—May ..... 58 1/2  
EGGS ..... 26 @ 28  
LARD—January ..... 7 27 1/2 @ 7 30  
PORK—January ..... 12 30

### NEW YORK.

CATTLE—Steers ..... 4 30 @ 5 60  
HOGS ..... 5 20 @ 5 55  
SHEEP ..... 3 25 @ 4 75  
WHEAT—No. 2 ..... 94 @ 95  
CORN—No. 2 ..... 53 1/2 @ 56  
OATS—No. 2 ..... 45 1/2

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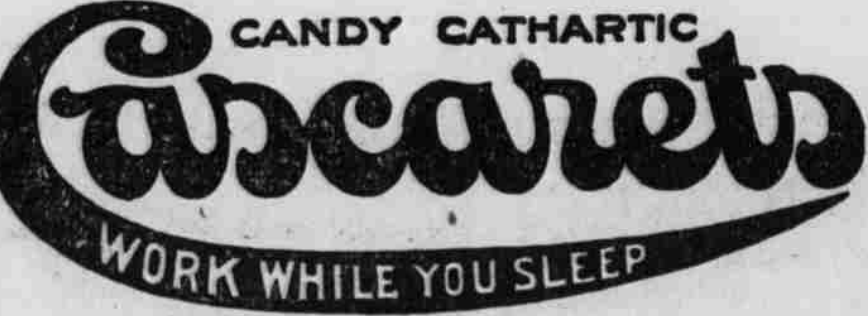
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